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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Administrative Procedures for ARPA-Sponsored Space Programs

Reference is made to present agreements as communicated between the Under Secretary of the Air Force and your office with respect to the administrative procedures for handling the [redacted], MIDAS and SENTINEL programs.

As agreed for these programs, all actions would be channelled through the Secretary of the Air Force and my office for ultimate distribution to Headquarters ARDC and AF-RDD.

Certain actions in consonance with the FY 1960 Financial Plan and FY 1961 Budget Estimate were taken by your office through direct communication with the AF-RDD. These actions resulted in interpretations and actions by the AFRDD not entirely in consonance with the understanding of this office and the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

In order to obviate any recurrence, it is requested that representatives of your office be advised of the presently agreed to administrative channels so that program actions and directives to AF-RDD can be completely coordinated between our respective offices.

/s/ JOSEPH V. CHARYK
Assistant Secretary
Research & Development